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(2) that the proposed transfer would give too much power to the Police; and

(3) that there would be delay in the issue of 'G' permits with resultant financial loss to them.

(c) The Government have no information.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether it is a fact that at the last Collectors' Conference, they prepared a certain scheme for regulating motor traffic and issuing licences and that the scheme has been in the Secretariat since then without any orders being passed on it?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will the hon. the Home Member please consult the Bus Owners' Association, not only in the City but also in the mufassal, before the Government make such drastic changes?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I cannot promise, but I shall consider the suggestion."

Proposals of the Government for the permanent retention of the posts of Inspectors of Motor Vehicles.

* 633 *Q.*—Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to retain the posts of Inspectors of Motor Vehicles permanently;

(*b*) if so, what the cause is for the delay in giving effect to the decision of the Government; and

(*c*) whether they are to be in the grade of Inspectors of Police?

A.—(*a*) A final decision has not yet been taken in the matter.

(*b*) Certain details as a result of the reorganization of the staff are under consideration.

(*c*) It has been decided that Motor Vehicles Inspectors should in future form part of the Police Subordinate Service and that their pay should be the same as that of Inspectors of Police.

Education

Report of the Muslim Education Committee.

* 634 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the report of the Muslim Education Committee appointed by the Government was submitted;

(*b*) whether orders of the Government have been passed on all the recommendations made by the Committee;

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(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee were unanimous;

(d) whether the Director of Public Instruction who was the President of the Committee, made any special recommendations on any of the points raised in the report, as Directcor of Public Instruction; and

(e) if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) In March 1932.

(*b*) Orders have been passed on the question of providing religious instruction for Muhammadan pupils. The other recommendations are under consideration.

(*c*) The report was signed by all the members of the Committee, and there was no dissenting minute.

(*d*) In his covering letter when submitting the report to the Government, the Director of Public Instruction gave his own views on the various recommendations made in the report.

(*e*) These recommendations were intended only for the information of the Government and it is not considered desirable to disclose them at least until final orders are passed on the report as a whole.

Alleged attack on Islam in the publication by Mr. L. Srinivasa Ayyar, Tamil Pandit, Government College, Coimbatore.

* 635 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the publication by one L. Srinivasa Ayyar, Tamil Pandit, Government College, Coimbatore, in which the Prophet of Islam has been scurrilously attacked and reviled, particularly in the ninth chapter thereof;

(*b*) whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction received any representation from the Muslims of Coimbatore and other places about the publication by L. Srinivasa Ayyar of the Coimbatore Government College and protesting against the allegations in the said publication;

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government or the Director of Public Instruction on the said petitions or representations and to what effect;

(*d*) whether the said publication is prescribed as a text-book in Tamil for the fourth form in the high schools in the Coimbatore district; if so, by whom has it been prescribed;

(*e*) whether the said publication has been approved of by the Text-Book Committee or by any sub-committee thereof;

(*f*) if so, who constituted the committee by which the said publication was passed and who the Muslim members present were when the committee approved of the publication; and